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A ROYAL LINEAGE: Alfred the Great. 1900-1901. By Annah Robinson Watson. Published by Whittet & Shepperson, Printers, Richmond, Va. 1901.

This is a beautifully gotten up book, and one to be cordially commended for its general interest and accuracy. It is profusely illustrated with the arms of Reade, Percy, Mortimer, Howell, Dymoke, Lewis, Robinson, Rose and Neville. The lines of many of our Virginia families are traced through the Reades to Alfred the Great, and among them may be mentioned the families of Dimmock, Davis, Taliaferro, Dixon, Nelson, Robinson, Throckmorton, Warner, Goodwin, Smith (of Purton), Lewis, Martian, Rootes, Reade, Chisman, Washington and Watlington.

I have seen in Virginia two instances of the use of the Reade arms, the arms cut on the tombstone of Thomas Reade near Gloucester Courthouse, and the arms engraved on a beautiful silver bowl owned by the late General Taliaferro. This book is offered to the public at \$4.50, and may be had by addressing Mrs. Annah Robinson Watson, Memphis, Tenn. It will adorn any parlor and at the same time add solid value to the shelves of any library of history.

THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS. Compiled and edited by Jane Baldwin Wills, from 1635 to 1685. Vol. I. William J. C. Dulaney Company, Publishers, Baltimore, Md.

This book has been compiled with great faithfulness and in response to a steadily increasing need. It will not be long before we have similar books in all the other Southern States.

A TRANS-ATLANTIC ITINERARY. By J. Staunton Moore. Richmond: Dispatch Printing House, 1901.

The author is a business man who has an appreciation of literature and art. As such Mr. Moore has given to the public a book of distinct value. His practical way of looking at things places his descriptions of the great object of interest in Europe within the grasp of the ordinary reader. His "wife and children" were not wrong in supposing that the narrative possessed "some merit," in fact the narrative is very interesting and valuable.

THE PILOT. Issued monthly by the Old Dominion Steamship Company. New York. Vol. X.

In this publication one may find a delightful assortment of particulars relating to travel, business and history. The illustrations of scenes and old residences in the South are in excellent taste, and the historic